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Re: Contact with the Ukrainian delegates to the U.N.
Date: 12-12-66
Source: Bohdan M

On 12-12-66 in the evening B. attended at the Columbia University a poetry reading by Pavlychko and Drach -- both delegates of the Ukrainian SSR to the U.N. General Assembly. There he also met two of his old acquaintances, members of the Ukrainian Permanent Mission to the U.N. -- Chernyavsky and Kochubey.

During the poetry reading Chernyavsky and Kochubey sat next to B. and afterwards B. went with them for a beer to a beer-hall at 86 St. & 1 Ave. which they frequently visit.

They were glad to see B., especially Chernyavsky, and ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ asked B. why he is not coming to the U.N. any longer.

During the course of the evening B. was mostly listening to what the two had to say and was hardly asking them any questions. Most of the time they were telling some jokes and just passing time, however, a few things came out which are worth mentioning:

A. CHERNYAVSKY:

1. At least 15 times he referred to the statement in the Ukrainian newspapers that Pavlychko is a colonel of KGB and Kochubey ~~XXX~~ is a major. "There is nothing left for me but to be just a sergeant", he stated. It looked as if he was offended by the fact that to some insignificant characters are assigned such high ranks while he is simply ignored. He further stated that the ~~XXXXXXXX~~ new rumours will most likely circulate now among the Ukrainians that he and Kochubey came to the poetry reading to watch for the two poets.
2. He asked B. to get for him a book by Kaminsky, title of which he could not remember. He also asked for a book "Ukrayina v ohni i buri revolutsiyi" and a bibliography on Ukraine in English language.
3. He mentioned that the two poets received from various people so many books that he does not know how they will manage to take all

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of them home.

4. Recently he acquired a new book "Ukrainians and Jews" which might be useful to him in his work at one of the committees at the U.N. However, he did not have a chance to read it.
5. When asked about the rumours that some of the costumes of Virsky Dance Company were destroyed by fire in Canada, he replied that it was a fact. The Canadian police is investigating the whole thing but the results are not known as yet. He thinks that it was a sabotage ~~by~~ by those Ukrainians who were distributing so widely ~~leaflets~~ leaflets against the Dance Company.

B. KOCHUBEY:

1. He said in a jokingly manner that when Pavlychko will return to Kiev he most likely be promoted to a rank of a general for his good work in making a break-down among the Ukrainian emigres. However, if his work was not satisfactory, he might be demoted to the rank of sergeant.
2. Fedorenko, the Ambassador of the USSR to the U.N., is a corresponding member of the ~~MAXIM~~ USSR Academy of Science. This year he was nominated ~~for~~ to become a member but he failed to make it. He explained that one is elected to the membership by the secret vote of those distinguished members of the Academy.
3. His and Chernyavsky's wives are at present in Ukraine and soon will arrive here to join them.

C. BOTH:

1. Both of them were talking very negatively about the Ukrainian emigre attitude towards the Virsky's Dance Company and towards the two poets -- Pavlychko and Drach. They stated that the Ukrainian emigres are very narrow-minded and it was reflected in the many articles in the Ukrainian newspapers and distributed ~~leaflets~~ leaflets.
2. They stated that the editor of the Uk. newspaper "America" must be an idiot and the paper is on such a low level that it should not even be published. "Svoboda" is a little better paper. But the only decent paper published by the Ukrainians is the "Ukrayin-

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ske Zhytya" published in Chicago.

Before they parted Chernyavsky asked B. to come this week to the U.N. They arrange to the following day afternoon.

On 12-13-66 B. could not find Chernyavsky at the U.N. When he met Kochubey he told B. that Chernyavsky was there but had to leave. B. asked Kochubey to give to Chernyavsky a book by Kaminsky and the bibliography. There was no conversation because Kochubey was in a hurry.

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